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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

This letter is my response to the Remington Eyeball R1, Reference ET Docket No. 05-183.

Thank You for the opportunity to voice my views on this matter.

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Sheriff Sam Page

June 21, 2005

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ET Docket No. 05-183

Dear Ms. Dortch:

My name is Sam Page. I am sheriff of Rockingham County, North Carolina. I have been fortunate enough to be involved in the focus groups of law enforcement officers and first responders given the opportunity to evaluate the Remington Eyeball R1. I wholeheartedly endorse this product and urge the Federal Communications Commission to provide the waiver that has been requested by Remington Arms Company.

Rockingham County is a semi-rural county of 566 square miles due north of Greensboro, North Carolina along the Virginia border. Our population is less than 100,000 and we have six municipalities, the largest being Eden and Reidsville with populations of 15, 238 and 14,485. The other four having an average population of only a little over 2,000.

In the last 8 years we have had about 20 hostage/siege or S.W.A.T. situations in our small county. In each case there was a true potential for an officer or a victim to have been shot. In every case, the Remington Eyeball R1 could have made a significant difference in our ability quickly to apprehend the suspects and return the area to normal. I have used other systems including remote video cameras and mirror systems and the Eyeball is far superior to any of them.

I am anxious to obtain a Remington Eyeball R1 for our local sheriff's department. In that regard, I have reviewed a number of the pleadings in this docket and, in particular the Remington Petition that initiated the proceeding and the late-filed June 8, 2005 comments of Cisco Systems, Inc. Cisco is concerned that deployment of the Eyeball R1 will cause significant disruption to other 2.4 GHz equipment in the area, including consumer 802.11 WiFi and mobile access points being deployed by some law enforcement departments in the trunks of cruiser vehicles.

I would like the Commission to know that I consider the safety of my men and the our ability to bring our citizens out of dangerous situations unharmed to be far more important than whatever interference might be generated by the Eyeball R1 for whatever period of time it takes to resolve the danger. However, I do not believe that the Eyeball R1 would create a significant impairment to other devices using the unlicensed bands.

Having seen the R1, I believe it would be used at a location that is far enough from other unlicensed devices that there would not impair them. Even if it did, I would prefer that my deputies have the Eyeball than the ability to write their reports right then and perform other functions remotely and wirelessly.

I have seen the Remington video in which I appear and read the modified transcript that was submitted with Remington's comments in Docket ET 05-183. I attach a copy to this letter. I affirm that I made the statements in that video and that it is an accurate representation of me and my statements. Furthermore, based on my experience, training and expertise, I believe lives could have been saved had the Russian troops who stormed the Beslan school in Chechnya last November had access to the Remington Eyeball R1 system. I am particularly concerned with that example because I believe our softest target in the US is also our public schools and this device would be an invaluable tool to law enforcement in such a situation.

I urge the Commission to grant the Remington waiver so that we can protect our officers and citizens.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Page', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sam Page
Sheriff, Rockingham County, North

Carolina

Attachment A

[Modified from the narrative of Remington video]

As America's oldest firearms manufacturer, Remington Arms Company has worked side-by-side with law enforcement for more than 100 years. We know that today, law enforcement is more demanding – and dangerous – than ever before. The headlines only tell part of the story. Consider that more than 100 law enforcement professionals died in the line of duty – and more than 58 thousand were assaulted, according to the FBI's most recent annual survey statistics.

Here's what Sam Page, sheriff of Rockingham County, North Carolina Sheriff's Department has to say:

For more than 20 years, I've been proud to protect and serve my community and my country. If you're like me, part of the job is being visible in the community. Another part of the job involves responding to calls with only limited or no insight into the situation. It is the lack of knowing what's behind the door, what's around the corner, or who's hiding in the attic that can be the most hazardous.

In siege operations such as drug raids or hostage situations, there are a lot of variables to consider, and a razor-thin margin of error for missteps. Insight into a building can be the difference between a safe, successful response and potential tragedy. You need situational awareness information – the number of suspects and hostages, the suspects' weapons cache, if the entrances are clear or booby-trapped?

Remington has developed a product that can provide critical visibility into previously unknown situations. Never Guess... See the Remington Eye Ball R1 for yourself.

The Eye Ball R1 provides a new level of intelligence and insight into previously veiled siege, surveillance, and rescue/reconnaissance situations. Lightweight, compact, and easy-to-use, the Eye Ball R1 provides new real-time video and audio surveillance visibility. You can throw, drop, lower, or plant the baseball-sized, ruggedized Eye Ball R1 into any hazardous environment – and immediately access audio and video feeds from the interior.

Importantly, you control the Eye Ball R1 camera and direct its 360-degree camera viewing capabilities. The internal infrared LEDs illuminate the scene to pierce through the cloak of darkness. The Eye Ball R1 also automatically rights itself to maintain an optimal surveillance and reconnaissance position.

The Personal Display Unit or PDU provides users with powerful visibility into a siege situation. Simple controls enable you to direct the Eye Ball camera with precision.

When safety is on the line...Never Guess. During siege or rescue situations knowledge is power – insight is a critical advantage in defusing a volatile situation. It is crucial to evaluate key factors immediately, including:

- Number of suspects
- Number of hostages
- Location of suspects and hostages in the siege location
- Types and amount of weaponry
- Entrance barricades/tripwires

Law enforcement officials must act swiftly and decisively during hostile situations. The Eye Ball R1 provides important visibility and intelligence into a hostile situation to significantly reduce – and even eliminate the threat of the unknown. Eye Ball R1 delivers unique benefits that provide a differentiated advantage – and the potential for increased safety. Key benefits include:

- New levels of visibility into a siege or rescue situation. Eye Ball R1 provides clear, real-time audio and video of a siege area where deployed
- Audio and video transmissions of up to 300 yards enables you to view potentially hazardous situations from a safe distance
- Powerful remote management capabilities direct Eye Ball R1 to gain full, 360-degree visibility into an unknown environment
- Intuitive, straightforward controls make it easy for you to direct Eye Ball R1 during tense situations
- The PDU connects easily to a computer or video equipment for recording and enhanced video processing
- Compact size and recharge capabilities make Eye Ball R1 an ideal tool to keep at hand

Sheriff Sam Page says:

Good law enforcement is a combination of training, discipline, dedication, good instincts, and the right equipment. A product like Remington's Eye Ball R1 provides powerful new visibility into hostile environments. Visibility is essential to making the right decisions and making them safely.